only when the prices show a tendency to decline below economic levels. The general trend of the prices of food articles is being carefully watched by the Agricultural Prices Review Committee constituted by this Government with the Commissioner of Civil Supplies as its Chairman.

It is expected that the prices of food articles in general and of paddy and rice in particular will come down and get stabilised at a reasonable level after the ensuing samba crop is harvested and stocks of paddy and rice come into the market in appreciable quantities.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : அகில இந்திய கமிட்டிக் கூட்டத்தில் குறைந்த பட்ச விலை அல்லது அதிகபட்ச விலை இவைகளைப்பற்றி முடிவு எடுத்ததன் பேரில் இந்த சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இந்த சர்க்காருடைய கருத்தையும் அதன் பேரில் இந்த சர்க்கார் என்ன செய்யப்போகிறது என்பதைப்பற்றியும் தான் சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

SRI S. LAZAR : ஸார், உணவுப் பொருள்களின் விலை நிர்ணயிக்கப்படும் இந்த சமயத்தில் விவசாயிகளுக்கு உணவு உற்பத்தி செய்வதற்கு வேண்டிய எரு, உற்பத்திக் கருவிகள் இவைகளின் விலையை நிர்ணயிப்பதற்கும் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இது வேறு விஷயம்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, from the point of view of the consumers are not the prices too high for the time being?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is so, Sir. But the point of view of the producer also has to be taken into account while fixing the prices.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Sir, will the Government be pleased to take steps to control the prices of concentrates useful for cattle, like cotton seed and groundnut cake?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question, and I shall certainly look into the matter.

Remuneration for the supervision of Government Examinations

* 132 *Q.*—SRI M. SELVARAJ (on behalf of Sri M. P. Sarathi) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the reasons for the non-payment of any allowance to teachers attached to Government Institutions and Deputy Inspectors of Schools deputed to supervise the examinations conducted by the Government such as the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Government servants are not paid any remuneration for supervision of Government Examinations such as S.S.L.C. Examinations, as such work is considered part of their duties and as the period spent by them is

treated as on duty. In places where departmental officers have to travel within a radius of five miles from their headquarters, they are paid a conveyance charge of Rs. 1·50 per day.

Rural Housing Scheme

* 133 *Q.*—Sri P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the number of houses and places where they are to be built under the Rural Housing Scheme in the Coimbatore district?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Thirteen houses have been constructed and four houses are under construction in the places mentioned below :—

(1) Annur.

(2) Singanallur.

(3) Athani.

(4) Nambiyur.

Sri P. G. MANICKAM : ஸார், இது மத்திய கவெர்ன்மெண்டார் திட்டப்பிரகாரம் மாகாண சர்க்காரினால் நியமிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் தனி இலாகாவினால் நடத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறதா அல்லது ஹவுஸிங் கார்பரேஷன் மூலமாக நடைபெற்றுவருகிறதா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்களின் கேள்வி என்னவென்று எனக்கு புரியவில்லை. இவ்விதம் ஹவுஸிங் கார்ப்பரேஷன் ஒன்றும் ஏற்படுத்தவில்லை.

Ayyan and Perumalai channels

* 134 *Q.*—Sri S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether water was not let in the Ayyan and Perumalai channels in Lalgudi taluk for about fifteen days commencing from the middle of November 1957;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether such stoppages of water in these channels occur frequently; and

(*d*) if so, the steps taken by the Government to make a permanent arrangement for the proper and regular supply of water in these channels in future?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government have no information but have called for a report.

City Roads

* 135 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any request from the Corporation of Madras recently for the enhancement of the grant for the maintenance of the City roads; and